

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Entry of this Amendment under Rule 116 is merited as it raises no new issues and requires no further search.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. It is noted that claim 20 depending from allowable claim 19 should be held allowable as well.

Claims 4-5, 11, 14, and 19-20 are pending in the instant application. Allowable claims 4, 11, 14, and 19 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the respective base claims and any intervening claims, in the manner kindly suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action. Claims 5 and 20 depending on allowable claims 4 and 19, respectively, should also be allowed. The remaining, non-allowed claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

All objections and rejections manifested in the Final Office Action are believed overcome in view of the above amendments.

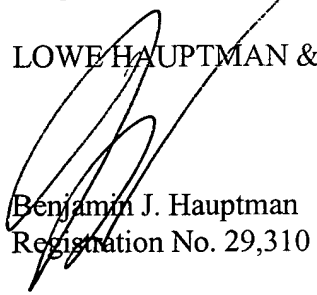
Accordingly, all claims in the present application are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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